II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of claims to replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for handling a web service call by clients in a communication network comprising:

client requester means for issuing client requests comprising at least one client request to call a web service, wherein the at least one client request to call a web service is sent to a callback web service;

callback web service means coupled to the client requester means for registering the at least one client request to call a web service within the callback web service and for invoking ~~the~~ a called web service by sending the at least one client request to call a web service to ~~the~~ a called web service; and

response web service means coupled to the callback web service means for receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service and coupled to the client requester means for manually delivering the response based upon when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester means;

wherein the callback web service is distinct from the client requester means and the response web service means.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the callback web service means further comprise storage means to store a client identity along with a client request.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the callback web service means further comprise means for determining whether the at least one client request to call a web service is already stored or not within the storage means.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the client requests further comprise at least one client request to subscribe to an already stored at least one client request to call a web service.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the at least one client request to call a web service comprises at least one parameter to define a protocol to be used for delivering the response to the client.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the protocol is a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) or a Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP).

7. (Currently Amended) A method for handling a web service call by a client in a communication network comprising the steps of:

issuing at least one client request to call a web service from a client requester, wherein the at least one client request to call a web service is sent to a callback web service;

registering the at least one client request to call a web service within the callback web service, ~~while simultaneously~~ and invoking ~~the~~ a called web service by sending the at least one client request to call a web service to ~~the~~ a called web service;

receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service within a response web service; and

delivering the response manually, based upon when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester;

wherein the callback web service is distinct from the client requester and the response web service.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising after the registering step, the step of storing a client identity along with a client request.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising after the issuing step, the step of determining whether the at least one client request to call a web service is already stored or not.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on computer usable medium, which when executed, handles a web service call by clients in a communication network, the computer usable medium comprising program code for:

issuing at least one client request to call a web service from a client requester, wherein the at least one client request to call a web service is sent to a callback web service;

registering the at least one client request to call a web service within the callback web service, ~~while simultaneously~~ and invoking ~~the~~ a called web service by sending the at least one client request to call a web service to ~~the~~ a called web service;

receiving a response to the at least one client request to call a web service within a response web service; and

delivering the response manually, based upon when a client request to obtain the response is issued from the client requester;

wherein the callback web service is distinct from the client requester and the response web service.

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